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REMARKS

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified application, please amend the specification as described above. No new matter has been added.

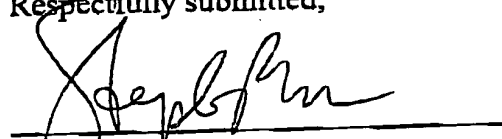
The specification has been amended to correct an obvious typographical error. This application contains Figs. 12(a)-(d), not 12A(a)-(e) as originally recited on page 15 of the specification.

The Applicant believes that this application is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicant's attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call Applicant's attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

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CLEAN VERSION OF PARAGRAPH INCORPORATING CHANGES MADE

Please replace the paragraph in page 15, lines ~~22-25~~ with the following:

A1 [Fig. 12(a) to (d)] A cross-sectional view to schematically indicate the order of processes (a) to (d) for another example of methods of manufacturing a mold for molding a tire in the present invention in the event of use of the first ventlid.

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

Page 15, lines 22-25:

[Fig. 12(a) to ~~(e)~~(d)] A cross-sectional view to schematically indicate the order of processes (a) to ~~(e)~~(d) for another example of methods of manufacturing a mold for molding a tire in the present invention in the event of use of the first ventlid.